

KIRKPATRICK DIARY

30 November 1953

DCI and DDCI: discussion of the Olsen case. It was agreed that Houston and I would make a thorough investigation and submit our recommendations to the Director.

30 November 1953

HOUSTON, EDWARDS, FIELDS AND SCOTT: discussion of the Olsen case. Scott and Fields will take steps to see that the files are sent up here and the drug impounded.

1 December 1953

GIBBONS: came in to make a strong plea that no disciplinary action be taken on the Olsen case.

2 December 1953

DCI and DDCI: discussed the Olsen case with them.

2 December 1953

WISNER: discussed the Olsen case. He stated that neither he nor Helms knew anything about the intention to make this experiment. He pointed out that Helms had held a staff meeting in May at which Drum and Gibbons were present and had indicated that the drug was dynamite and that he should be advised at all times when it was intended to use it. A memorandum on this was later sent to the Division and TSS which advised that there would be no use without Wisner's permission.

3 December 1953

HAROLD COOPER: talked to him about his reaction to LSD. He stated that he thought application on an unwitting basis was very bad.

3 December 1953

GOTTLEIB: advised that Dr. Abramson would be here tomorrow and would I want to see him. Told him that I would arrange it through Houston.

3 December 1953

DE FLOREZ: came in to say that he thought any reprimands in the Olsen case would be most unfortunate.

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8 December 1953

HOUSTON: reported that he had obtained a favorable ruling on the Olsen case from BEC.

10 & 11 December 1953

HOUSTON: discussed the Olsen case,

17 December 1953

DDCI: reviewed the Olsen case and advised I would submit it to him for disciplinary action

17 December 1953

GIBBONS: came with Drum to advise that Gottlieb had cleared with Drum, who was acting Chief TSS.

18 December 1953

EDWARDS and CHADWELL: advised me that Stanley Lovell had considerable information about the Olsen case.

22 December 1953

HOUSTON: asked him for papers on Olsen case.

12 January 1954

Advised HOUSTON of comments in GOTTLIEB's files on LSD.

25 January 1954

Meeting with CABELL, WISNER, and HELMS on OLSEN case.

1 February 1954

Discussion with DCI and DDCI on TSS reprimands and TSS meeting (deFlores, Drum, Gibbons, Gottlieb, Helms, Houston, Edwards, Cabell and Dulles).

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